

WORLD DEAN

Tom Gouttierre keeps traveling the globe.

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

Tom Gouttierre says he didn't set out to change the world, but that just may be the case. "I set out to see the world," said UNO's dean of International Studies and Programs.

"I've certainly been given that opportunity. From the time I was in grade school, I was always interested in doing something international. But I was never able to define it."

Gouttierre said his first step toward an "international" future came in 1960 while listening to President John F. Kennedy describe his plans to establish the Peace Corps.

"A lot of emphasis was given to a campaign speech he made about creating a corps of youths who would go out and work for peaceful objectives," he said. "I was motivated by that, and after his assassination, I was further motivated. It helped me define this thing I always wanted to do."

After graduating from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Gouttierre joined the Peace Corps in 1965.

"I was never able to afford to travel abroad when I was a student," Gouttierre said. "The Peace Corps offered an opportunity for me to do something international, and they were going to pay me — 11 cents an hour."

By a quirk of fortune, Gouttierre ended up in Afghanistan.

"I had no specific interest in Afghanistan," he said. "I wound up there strictly by fate. It was probably the luckiest thing that ever happened to me. Afghanistan has certainly proven to be a keystone to my future."

In 1969, Gouttierre obtained a master's degree in Islamic Studies from Indiana University. Also that year, he received the Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for research and language study in Afghanistan.

Two years later, the Fulbright Commission named Gouttierre executive director of the Afghan-American Educational Commission. He continued to participate in the Fulbright

Program in 1982, '84 and '86.

"I feel so fortunate, because my vocation and avocation — international exchanges — are the same," he said. "The only thing I could enjoy working with as much would be the Detroit Tigers baseball team. Actually, the choice was made for me. I wasn't good enough to be a baseball player."

This 49-year-old Tigers fan was named director of UNO's International Studies and Programs and the Center for Afghanistan Studies in 1974, obtaining his current status as dean in 1988.

Fluent in three Persian dialects — Dari, Farsi and Tajiki — Gouttierre also reads Arabic, French, German, Latin, Russian and Spanish.

His international expertise did not go unnoticed.

Currently in his third year as a member of the Citizens Commission on Afghan Refugees, Gouttierre advises the United Nations and other organizations about Afghan refugees and the reconstruction of their country.

"It's a country that has gone through the most incredible amount of devastation over the last decade," he said. "It has been a very brutal war. Out of a population of some 13 million, as many as 1.5 million have been killed. Probably as many have been displaced or are refugees."

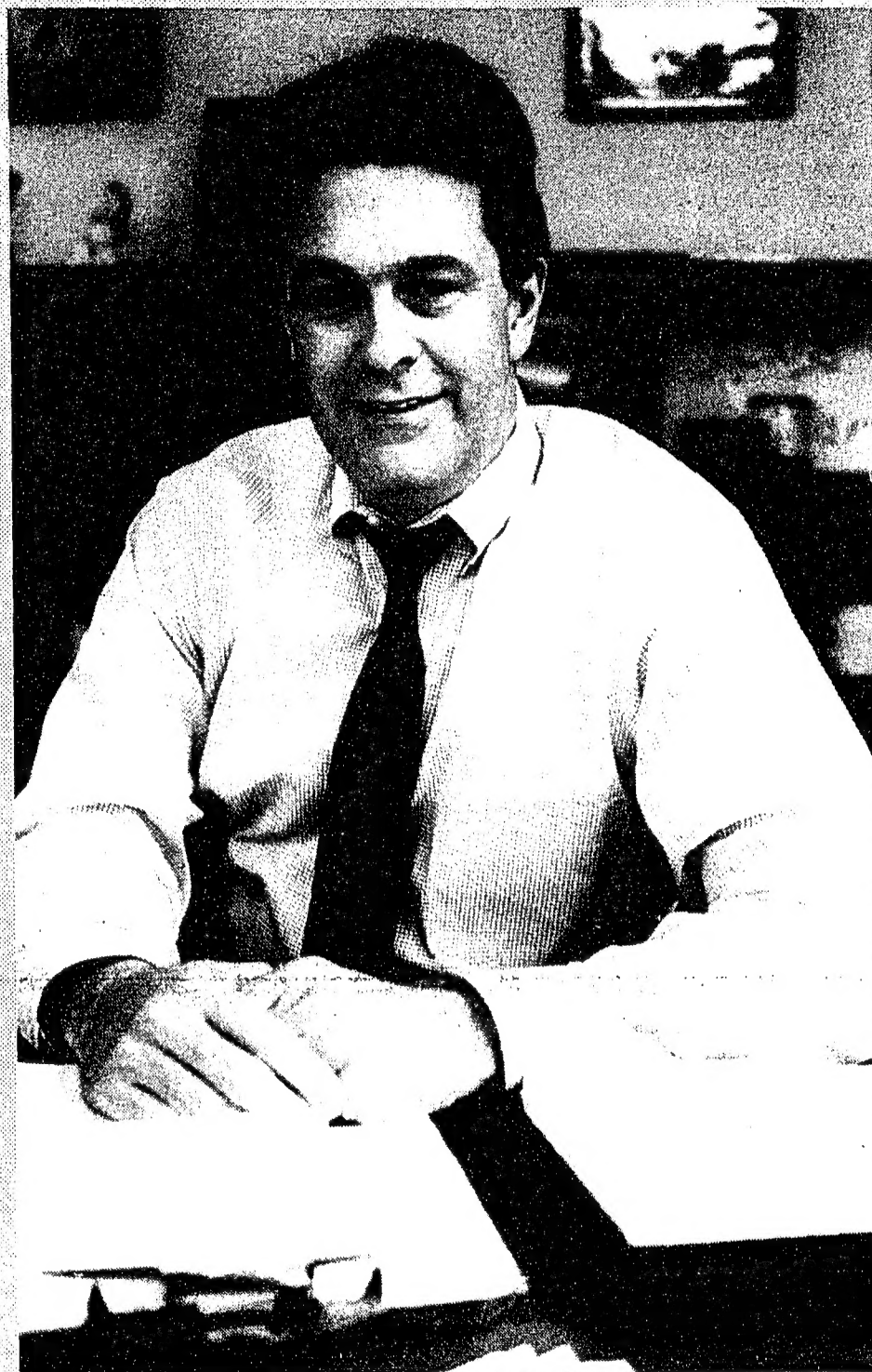
Since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979, about 80 percent of the villages have been bombed and destroyed, Gouttierre said.

"It's tremendous destruction in terms of both human and material resources," he said. "If I am overwhelmed at all, it's at the challenge that faces everybody at the reconstruction of Afghanistan."

Since 1986, Gouttierre has participated with American and Soviet analysts in the Dartmouth Conferences on Regional Conflicts. The agenda for this summer's Dartmouth meeting will involve the continued Soviet involvement in Afghan affairs.

Although Soviet troops began pulling out of Afghanistan in May 1988, and completed their withdrawal Valentine's Day 1989, Gouttierre said the issue still has not been resolved.

"The war in Afghanistan was the last straw upon the Soviet camel's back," he said. "That, in many ways, hastened the reform movement in the Soviet Union. But they are still pumping an awful lot of resources in support of this regime in Kabul (Afghanistan's capital). These resources are enabling the regime to resist its



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inevitable downfall, prolonging the war.

"The war needs to come to an end," he said. "We have to hope that we can bring an end to the suffering of the Afghan people. But so long as the Soviets continue to support this government in Kabul, that's not going to happen."

Although Gouttierre finds politics "fascinating," he said being a politician does not appeal to him.

"Kennedy was very inspirational," he said. "I

worked for his brother, Bobby Kennedy, in the 1968 campaign. In some ways, his assassination sort of took that interest out of me."

Gouttierre seems content with his current "high-intensity" career, but he admits it can be exhausting.

"Once you've gotten into the schedule it's very slam bang," he said. "When you've traveled 10,000 miles to try and do something, you take advantage of every waking moment. You get up at 7 a.m. and go until midnight."

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NEWS

GET YOUR SHOTS

UNO may be next in line for a measles outbreak, according to Ruth Hanon, nurse supervisor for Health Services. The recent surge of measles cases at Creighton University, Hanon said, could lead to a similar situation at UNO. Anyone born after 1956 needs to receive a second immunization, Hanon said. "If students have not had the shots, they should get them," she said.

THE STUDENT SENATE RIDES AGAIN

The soap opera has taken another twist. Since funding of student organizations was taken away from Student Government in the summer, the Student Senate has looked for solutions. A separate board under the Student Programming Organization could be used to fund student organizations, Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds said. "We took steps to resolve the dilemma," Reynolds said. "We will have all the questions answered."

MED PULSE

BREAKING THE BARRIERS

The doors of opportunity are opening for today's handicapped citizens. A University of Nebraska Medical Center administrator is knocking down some of the barriers they face.

SPORTS

CROWING HER MAJESTY

UNO volleyball player Amy Gradoville, a second team All-American last year, added to her honors when she was chosen Queen for this year's College World Series.

Measles may come to UNO

By GREG KOZOL

UNO students are prime candidates to catch the measles bug from Creighton University (CU) students, according to Ruth Hanon, nurse supervisor of UNO's Health Services.

"I think the chances are very great," Hanon said. "The chances are greater than last year."

In 1989, a measles outbreak took place on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. A similar outbreak did not occur at UNO.

As of April 19, 26 measles cases have been reported at Creighton. Hanon said Creighton's relative closeness to UNO, coupled with the number of Air Force ROTC students taking classes on both campuses, makes a measles outbreak more probable this year.

"The mere fact that college students might mingle makes it likely," she said.

On Friday, Health Services circulated a memo detailing which age groups face the greatest risk of contracting measles. Anyone at risk should receive a second measles vaccination, Hanon said.

The vaccine used before 1969 has become inactive, Hanon said, and anyone born after 1956 now needs a second immunization.

As Creighton has discovered this year, many college students have not received a second vaccination, Hanon said, although college students face a great risk of contracting measles.

"A lot of college students say, 'It's not going to happen to me,'" Hanon said. "It can happen on a college campus pretty quickly."

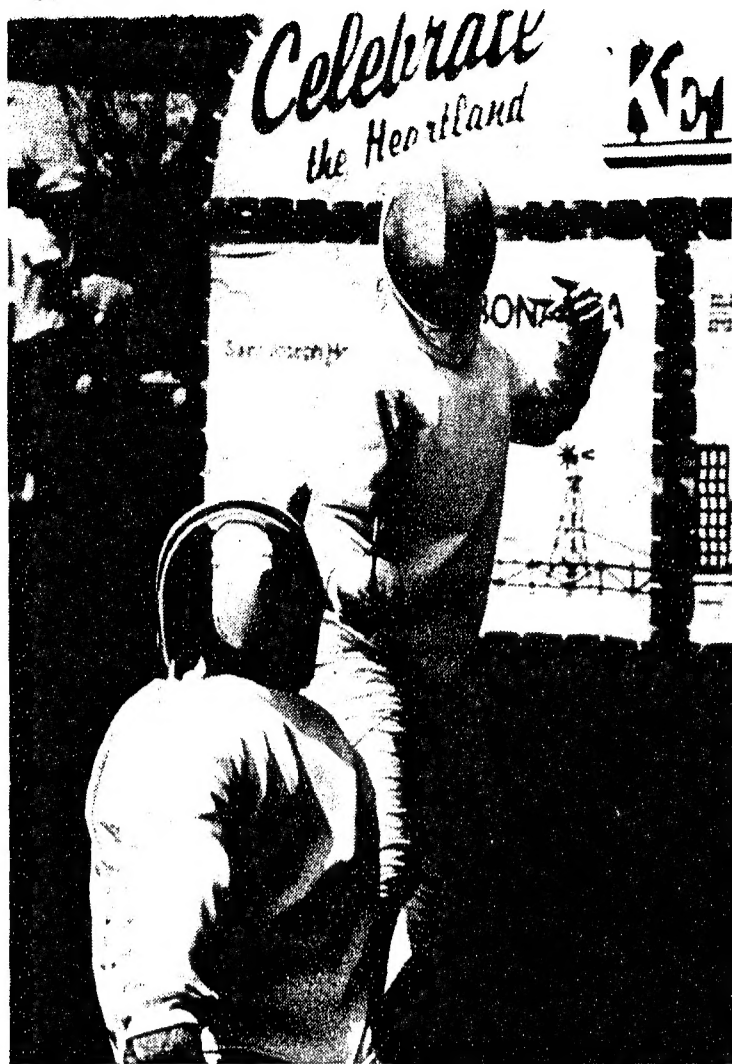
Besides circulating the memo, UNO has not taken steps to combat a measles outbreak, Hanon said.

"I just don't have the budget," she said. "Measles vaccinations are very expensive."

Creighton has set up emergency vaccination centers to stop the spread of measles, and about 5,000 vaccinations have been given on the CU campus, she said.

If an outbreak occurs at UNO, an emergency service similar to Creighton's would be set up, Hanon said.

"There would be a limited supply of vaccine, and there would be a charge," she said.



Celebrating with sabres

Two members of UNO's fencing club demonstrate their sport in front of the Strauss Performing Arts Center Sunday. The fencing demonstration was part of Celebrate UNO activities.

'We will have all the questions answered'

Senate tackles funding problem

By PATRICK RUNGE

Student Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds said she may still beat the clock and restore funding to student organizations.

At the April 19 senate meeting, Reynolds discussed a proposal to create a new board under the Student Programming Organization (SPO). The board, tentatively called the Fee Allocations Board, would distribute funds to student organizations for travel purposes.

In 1989, John Wiltse, the University of Nebraska assistant general counsel, released an opinion stating the Student Senate could no longer fund student organizations.

In October, Reynolds said the funding problem would be resolved by May.

"If you read a recent *Gateway*, they stated quite clearly that I had 21 days to resolve the situation," Reynolds said. "I feel today we took steps to resolve the dilemma."

The new board could give money for organizations to travel to conferences, Reynolds said. After a conference, an organization would be required to hold a programming event at UNO, she said.

The programming requirement would ensure accountability, Reynolds said.

"We have to make sure the organizations aren't just fooling around at these conferences," Reynolds said. "We have to get our money's worth."

On April 19, a committee of Student Government members and administration officials met to discuss the proposal.

Some committee members, Reynolds said, questioned how groups attending academic competitions, such as the debate team, could sponsor a programming activity.

"Take the Mock Trial team as an example," Reynolds said. "They should compete in Des Moines and be required to do their Mock Trial presentation at a public meeting where all interested students could watch."

By holding a programming event, the information organizations gain at conferences could be relayed to the student body, Reynolds said.

"It will affect a broad-based student population," she said. "If their presentations are open to all students, anyone can go and get the information they want."

Reynolds said the board would have an equal representation of Student Government, SPO and students at large. The funds would come from Student Government's contingency fund and SPO's budget.

"I would prefer having Student Government and SPO put up matching funds," Reynolds said. "I don't think Student Government should put up all the money since we don't have all the say in how it is spent."

"We talked about raising student fees to pay for the travel, but I don't think that will be necessary," she said. "Together Student Government and SPO have enough money in our budgets so this will not break us. I would be opposed to raising student fees to create this board."

Reynolds said the proposed board would not conflict with the regents' policy that states Student Government cannot fund student organizations.

"Is Student Government giving the money to SPO or is it giving it to the proposed board?" Reynolds asked. "Whatever it comes down to,

the board will be the one actually doing the redistribution."

Currently, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln uses a system similar to the proposed board, Reynolds said.

"The biggest concern with the Board of Regents and our own administration is the accountability of the money," Reynolds said. "I think if we come up with the guidelines, we will have all the questions answered."

Reynolds also said the proposed board would not conflict with Student Government bylaws. The bylaws state "no one person shall hold at the same time more than one of the following offices: president/regent, chief administrative officer, executive treasurer, senator ... or a board member of an agency."

"I think what was intended (in the bylaws) was the boards of agencies, such as the Disabled Students Agency, American Multicultural Students and SPO," Reynolds said. "It might have to be spelled out clearer and say those specific boards. I don't think the proposed board is stepping around the intent of the rules."

Reynolds also said Student Government's bylaws are being rewritten.

"We can tag in a line saying 'with the exception of the Fee Allocations Board,'" she said.

The seed fund, a separate reserve account designed to assist organizations with their original programming activities, will be maintained, Reynolds said. But it will be used less frequently because the proposed board would deal with most needs covered by the seed fund.

FROM THE WIRE

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Spring fever?

Students returning from spring break apparently spread measles to at least five campuses by the third week of April, closing some classes, prompting quarantines and forcing one school to cancel campus activities.

Creighton University, the University of Oregon, the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport, Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Mines were among those attempting to contain the highly contagious disease.

Many of the campuses were not allowing students to attend classes without getting a second vaccine or proving immunity to the disease. Students who were exposed to the disease were quarantined.

At Creighton, where at least 26 students of the school's 6,000 students have come down with the measles, the health center held daily "symptom clinics." Students who had any of the symptoms — which include high fever, cough, runny nose, watery eyes and a bad rash — were not allowed out of their dorm rooms until a doctor visited them.

About 5,000 Creighton students have been immunized, while four infected students spent their spring break under quarantine.

"We have a real stringent immunization policy," said Mary Kenny, a Creighton spokeswoman. "We've never had an outbreak like this before."

At the Colorado School of Mines, 10 students had the disease as of April 17. Nobody, including the faculty and staff, could attend classes until they had proof of immunity or a second vaccine.

A Mines student who visited Mexico during spring break, where measles is common, and Texas, where there have been outbreaks at the University of Texas campus in Austin and El Paso, acquired the disease before returning to campus. A student at the University of Northern Colorado, who had contact with the Mines student, also contracted the disease.

At Colorado State, about 250 students were quarantined after another student with the measles attended three classes. Nine Colorado State students had contracted the disease as of April 18.

SUNY-Brockport banned campus activities until April after three students caught the disease from a classmate who became infected while on spring break in Florida.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta joined the American College Health Association in December 1989 in recommending that people born after 1957 get two doses of the measles vaccine.

College women drink more

College women, 23 years old or younger, drink nearly twice as much alcohol as their non-college peers, according to a study by the New York Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse.

More than one in five women surveyed exhibited signs of "alcohol dependency," said Deirdre Breslin, of the division.

The trend, she said, has contributed to an increase in the number of reported cases of college women having sexual and financial problems.

Funding fiasco

The Student Senate took another step in its quest to restore funding to student organizations. But the senate, once again, may be maneuvering through a mine field.

Student Government and Student Programming Organization (SPO) members discussed how to fund student organizations. Sound familiar? It should.

To refresh your memory, at its April 5 meeting, the senate declared its intentions to stack the SPO Board with Student Government members. The SPO Board decides how the money is distributed to organizations.

Problem solved, right? Unfortunately, they hit their first mine in their own bylaws.

No member of the senate can serve on an agency board at the same time, according to Student Government bylaws. SPO is considered an agency of Student Government. Back to the drawing board.

STAFF EDITORIAL

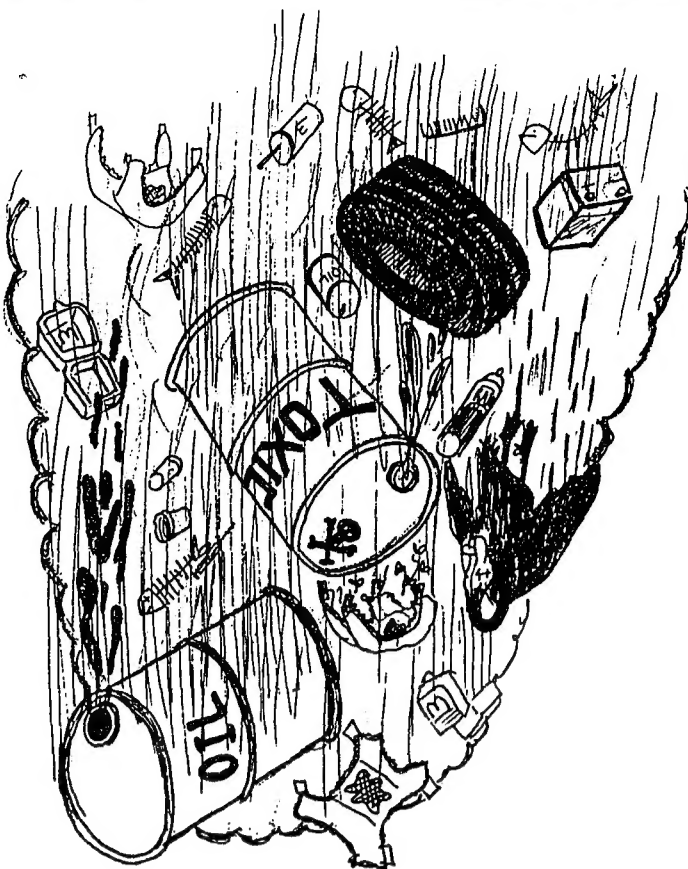
Now Student Government hopes to create a board under the SPO Board to allocate funds to organizations. Student Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds said the senate can change its bylaws to accommodate the proposed board.

That's one mine avoided. But the Board of Regents may have another one waiting.

The regents' policy prohibits Student Government from funding an organization that is not under its "direct control." And whether the money is coming from the proposed "Fee Allocations Board" or the senate, it is still coming from Student Government. And still prohibited by the regents' policy.

However, Reynolds said the regents should allow this proposal to work.

This entire funding fiasco could be avoided if the regents would change their policy — disarming the mine field and making all this work unnecessary.



Hearing it from St. Peter in 2010

Earth Day — a fine idea.

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Jane, our loyal UNO alum, left planet Earth in the spring of 2010.

Moments after leaving her body, she found herself waiting in a line not unlike UNO registration. But the academic advisor turned out to be St. Peter. (Others lined up for Buddha, Mohammed, Moses ...)

A work-study receptionist handed Jane a questionnaire. Many categories were as expected: love, honesty, kindness, diligence, humility. But other topics puzzled her: exercise, nutrition, garbage management ...

"Garbage management? No one told me

I'd be asked about this."

"You did love the earth, didn't you?" the work-study replied.

"Oh, yes."

"Good. Just give us a brief description of your recycling program, consumer advocacy efforts — that sort of thing. You'll do fine."

Jane returned to her place in line. After much thought, her only response to the question was: "Attended Earth-Day rally while a UNO student in 1990."

BILL WILSON COLUMNIST

When she nervously entered St. Peter's office, she looked around the warm, uncluttered room and fixed on a plaque behind his desk which read: "Even a cockroach can be sincere."

Seeing her quizzical look, he answered her unspoken question.

"Sincerity isn't enough," he explained. "Action counts."

He seemed pleased as he reviewed her questionnaire — until he came to the waste management question.

His face fell. "You made no effort to reduce solid wastes?"

"Uh, well, you see I was very busy from the time I graduated from UNO, you know — business, family ..."

"So you littered your planet."

"That's not fair. I sincerely ..."

"I think we've already determined the value of sincerity." He shoved a high density, floppy disk into his computer.

"My records show you generated 32 tons of garbage before you died. Over half could have been recycled. Still more of it should have never been manufactured or bought."

"But what could I have done? There weren't enough recycling programs. I sincerely ..."

"There's that word again. Your excuses hold up about as well as a plastic landfill liner. You alone are responsible for your garbage. Now get back in that body and figure out what to do about the mess you left."

At that moment, a 50-year-old heart attack victim responded to CPR and gained a second chance at life — resolving to do her part to give Planet Earth that same chance.

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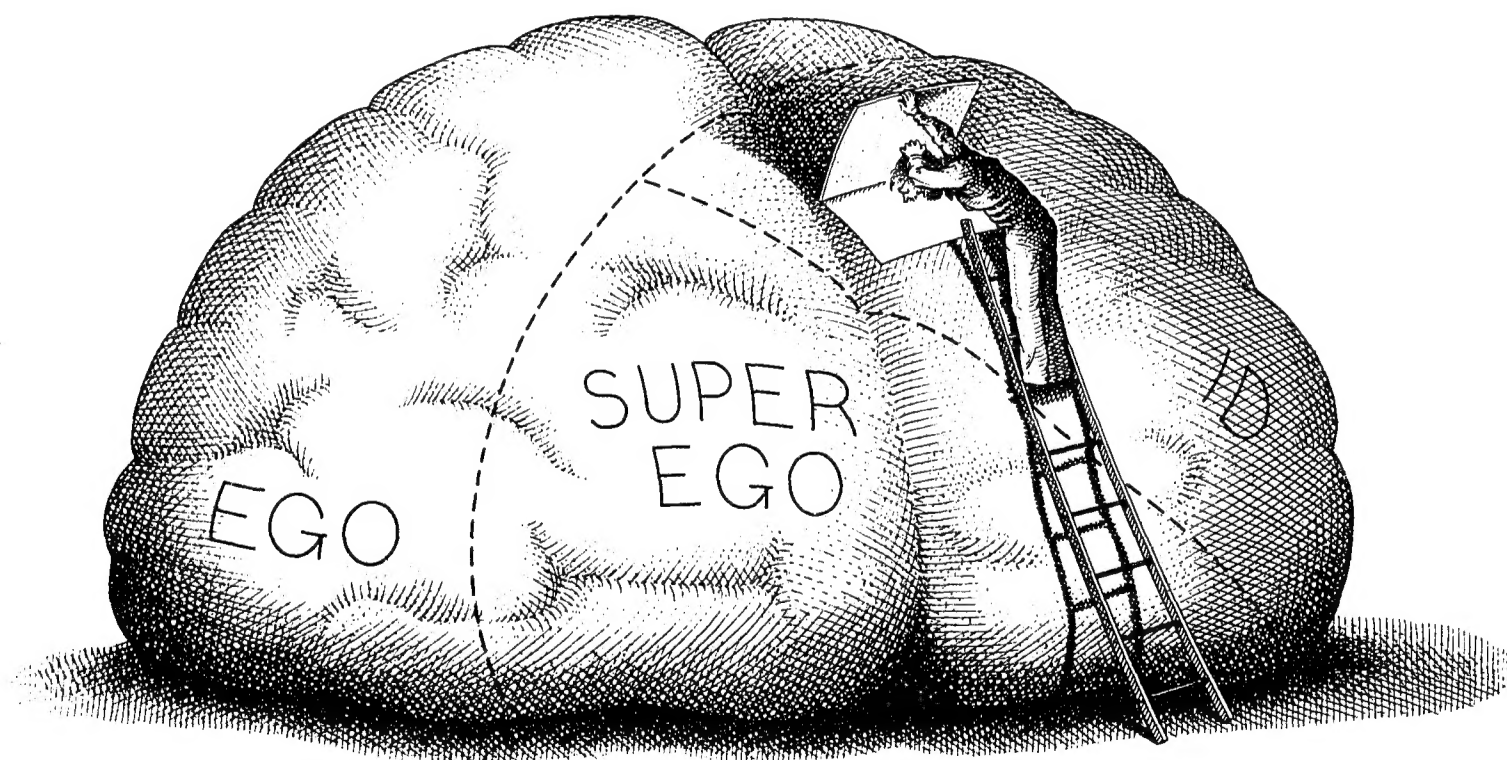


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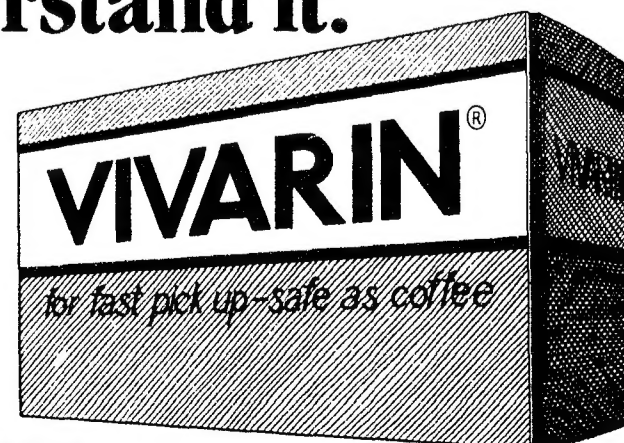
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OVERCOMING ALL OBSTACLES

Administrator helps handicapped seek success.

By KENT WALTON

While pushing their children down the hall in strollers, two mothers exchanged praises about their children like proud parents often do.

But their children were oblivious to the glory being bestowed on them from above. Their far-away eyes were fixed on the numerous finger paintings that lined the walls.

These works of art were created by children like themselves — children born with mental or physical handicaps.

These are the children that make up Dr. Bruce Buehler's world at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Meyer Rehabilitation Institute.

As director of the institute, Buehler said he recognizes success in every child's accomplishments.

"If a child with a handicap can tie his shoes, that may be as exciting as going to college for others," Buehler said. "There are skills and things a person can do that are just as rewarding and just as important if you understand how hard it was for them to get there."

But teaching the 4,000 new patients who enter the center annually is only half the battle in the ongoing fight to integrate the handicapped into society, Buehler said.

"A lot of it is realizing the capabilities of someone with a handicap and trying to give them a citizenship, making them an acceptable and an integral part of the community."

To help the integration process, Buehler said he follows a self-created theory he calls "full-citizenship."

"We want people with handicaps to be full citizens. If the community has to put a ramp up to get them into town hall, then that is what they have to do," he said. "If the governor is going to speak, they ought to be able to get into the auditorium to see her."

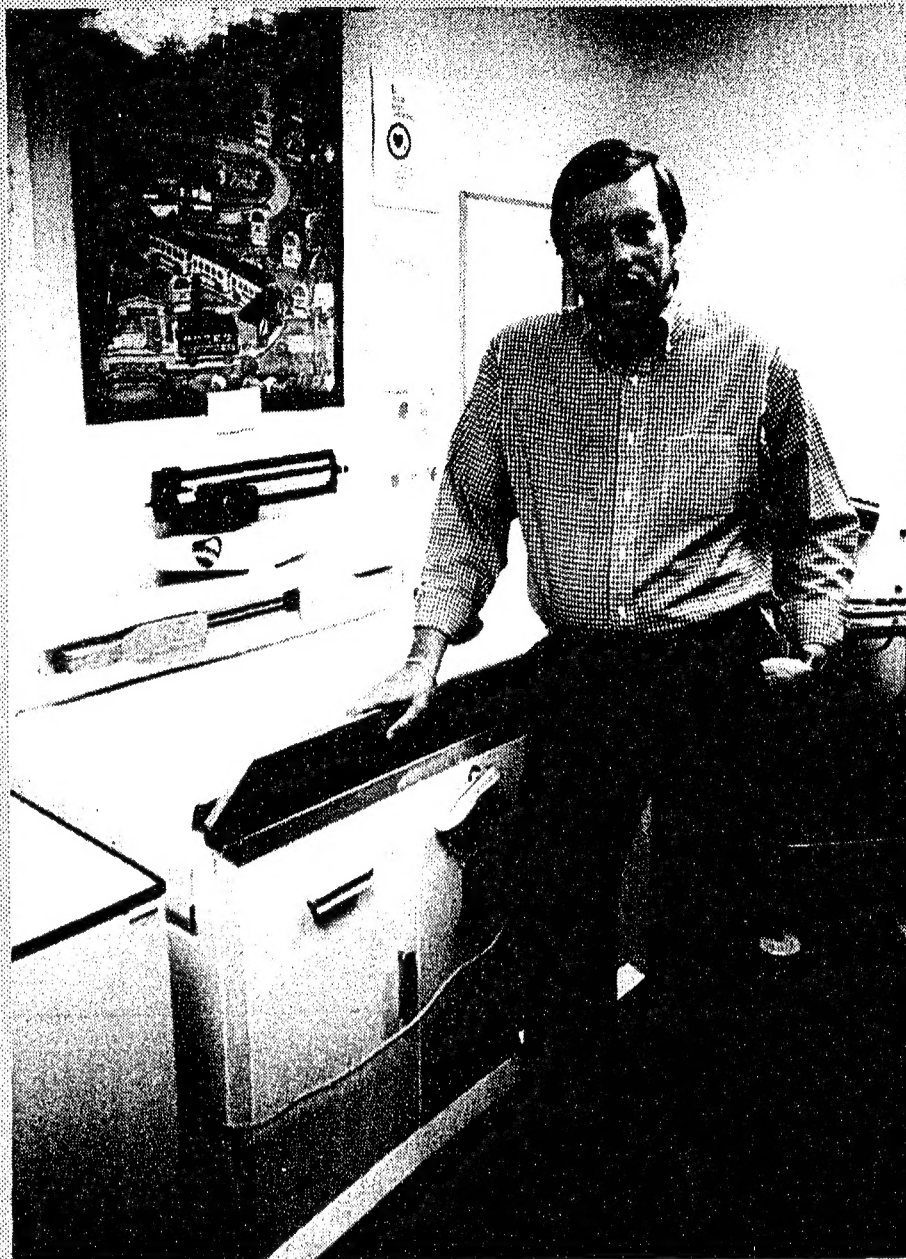
In order to increase the public's awareness of the handicap's needs and dispel the myths surrounding the handicapped, Buehler and the Nebraska Department of Health sponsor traveling clinics to cities in out-state Nebraska.

Buehler said the clinics, held quarterly in Scottsbluff, Hastings and Grand Island, serve a dual role.

By traveling to sites outside Omaha, Buehler speaks with professionals and families who are not able to journey across the state to the Medical Center. Buehler said this allows him to work with handicapped individuals outside a clinical setting.

"We think the best quality of life is for them to live in their own communities. So by going out there we are trying to preserve the person in their community and make that community accept them."

Buehler said the traveling seminars allow him to make about 35,000 visits with handicapped individuals and their families.



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Dr. Bruce Buehler, director of the Meyer Rehabilitation Institute, said the Medical Center treats more than 4,000 handicapped individuals each year in clinical rooms like this one.

It is this closeness with people that Buehler said makes his contributions to the medical field unique.

"Twenty years ago, doctors sat and talked with you about things. Today, they are too busy," he said. "I have that chance. I get to know the families and I get to be part of their success. I am in some cases a true family doctor."

Buehler, whose medical career began in 1970 as an Air Force physician in Vietnam, said today's technology has created a unique problem in the treatment of the handicapped.

Recent medical advancements have increased the life span of the handicapped, which is something today's professionals are unprepared to deal with, Buehler said.

"We are not ready for that, so we have to begin to rebuild systems for patients who have a handicap and then become older," he said. "We will have an aging population with handicaps."

Not only are handicapped patients living longer, but because of better prevention techniques, fewer people are born with handicaps, he said.

"The biggest impact that we can track is the simple little sign in the liquor store that

says: 'Alcohol is a drug. Don't drink during pregnancy.' Just that simple little message has made people think."

Buehler said pregnant women who drink are being shunned by society, but a new danger is lurking just around the corner.

That new fear, according to Buehler, is the cocaine epidemic that is sweeping the nation.

Buehler said prevention of handicaps is accomplished through education.

"If you go into a restaurant today and you see a pregnant mom drinking, the whole room stares at her," he said. "When people found out about alcohol, they quit during pregnancy. Now we have to have them quit cocaine during pregnancy."

However, Buehler said the Meyer Center's 140 professionals understand that handicaps will never be alleviated.

So their responsibility, Buehler said, is to help prevent birth defects and to make the lives of those born with them more rewarding.

"There isn't a child that we have worked with that can't have some success in something, and it is our job to find out what it is."

HEALTH SCOPE

INFORMATION FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

AIDS drugs to be tested

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has been selected as one of several sites around the country to participate in the study of a new treatment that could prolong the lives of people with AIDS.

Dr. Jonathon Goldsmith, associate professor of internal medicine and director of the Medical Center's Viral Syndrome Clinic, said patients are now being accepted to participate in a two-year study sponsored by a pharmaceutical corporation.

The study will combine two Food and Drug Administration licensed drugs, azidothymidine (AZT) and acyclovir. Half of the people in the study will take AZT and a placebo pill, while the other half will be on AZT and acyclovir, a licensed anti-herpes drug.

Neither the patient nor the researcher will know which treatment is being received.

"We know both groups will be on AZT, but we won't know who is taking acyclovir," Goldsmith said. "AZT is the only licensed anti-HIV drug in the United States. This is a drug they would be taking even if they were not participating in the study."

HIV is the virus which causes AIDS.

The study will help determine if increasing the dosage of acyclovir might have some effect against different strains of the herpes virus, such as family-like herpes simplex and cytomegalovirus.

Goldsmith said these forms of the herpes virus appear in more than 50 percent of people with AIDS.

UNO organizations receive grant

The University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNO's Office of International Studies and Programs received a \$3,500 grant for a statewide program on international security issues.

The grant was awarded by the OPTIONS Program based at Juanita College in Huntington, Pa.

The program, which has been established on about 70 campuses in 25 states, will involve a 75-member "diversified faculty speakers bureau" from 15 college and university campuses across Nebraska, according to program director Thomas Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and Programs at UNO.

The program will be available to secondary schools, community groups and other organizations with an overall aim toward increasing public participation in national policy decision making. It is designed to encourage informed discussion through non-partisan presentations, debates, workshops and panel discussions on the "options" for achieving international security. Topics will include arms control, regional conflicts, Third World development and environmental concerns.

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OPINION BY FORMER GATEWAY SPORTS EDITORS

'Space filler'

BY TERRY O'CONNOR

It always has been hard to resist the call of the *Gateway* for those UNO students who actually worked at the student newspaper.

When I received the letter from current Sports Editor Tony Flott requesting a sports column, I was flattered to be included in the prestigious company of such former *Gateway* sports writing moguls as Steve Pivovar, Eric Olson, Gary Anderson, Kevin Cole, Roger Hamer and Henry Cordes.

The column opportunity brought back vivid memories of my tenure as sports editor during four turbulent semesters in 1987-88.

Athletic budgets at UNO were slashed time and again during the '80s. The Mavs handled the potentially devastating cuts as well as any school could have. But the promise of sports success in the early '80s gave way to survival concerns.

The track program was sacrificed, and for a time, the baseball team was deleted, too. Coach Bob Gates has yet to reassemble a .500 baseball club in a sport UNO once dominated.

Football, basketball and wrestling also were in real danger of being lost or downgraded. Those programs suffered heavy losses as high school recruits shied away due to the instability. College recruiters relentlessly stripped UNO of prep athletes by mercilessly hammering on the "potential" for ending the sports programs at UNO.

Retaining the core of its college coaches helped UNO contain the damage to its sports program more than anything else. The coaching contingent refused to lose in spite of restrictive conditions.

UNO owes a lot to football Coach Sandy Buda; Bob Hanson and Cherri Markenberg with the men's and women's basketball teams, respectively; Mike Denney in wrestling; Gates in baseball; and possibly the best coach of them all, Janice Kruger in volleyball.

Kruger's teams made one Division II title run after another, bringing national limelight through major success in a "minor sport." Her workouts were legendary for their difficulty, her teams noted for their All-Americans and ability to compete with "invincible" West Coast powers.

When she left UNO to take a Division I job at Maryland University, Kruger left impossibly huge shoes to fill. Her departure was not timed very well, coming as it did during the heart of recruiting season. Her legacy of winning, however, helped the UNO sports program at a time it desperately needed good news.

Those coaches were also a key to any sports editor's success at the *Gateway*. Their accessibility and affability helped this greenhorn writer mature. They patiently worked with me on difficult stories, and there seemed to be too many of those during that troubled time.

It has been two years since I lived in the state of Nebraska and worked at the *Gateway* and the *Omaha World-Herald*. I have since been a news editor at the *Harlan Tribune* in Harlan, Iowa, and last year, I took over as executive editor for Recorder Newspapers in Northern Kentucky.

There is never a mention of UNO sports in this area, 10 miles south of Cincinnati. It's a void the *Gateway* fills for me by mail. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to "fill this space" one more time.

FROM BRIDESMAID TO QUEEN

Volleyball standout
Amy Gradoville
captures College
World Series crown.

BY JIM ANDERSON

While this year's College World Series will be a showcase for the nation's top baseball teams, it also will showcase UNO royalty.

The royalty will include Amy Gradoville, a UNO senior volleyball player from Omaha Marian, who was selected CWS Queen earlier this month.

Gradoville said she gave little consideration to winning the honor.

"Not in my wildest dreams," Gradoville said. "I never really pursued it that much until this last year. I was just happy with being a sweetheart." After being chosen to represent UNO as a CWS Sweetheart, Gradoville was interviewed, along with other candidates, at a luncheon by a panel of Omaha broadcasters. Each panel member then nominated one sweetheart for the crown.

Gradoville, a banking and finance major, is the second UNO student to be named queen in the last two years. Laura J. Anderson was chosen in 1988.

Gradoville said some of her duties as queen will be to attend banquets and luncheons, in addition to meeting the teams at the airport and showing them around Omaha.

The honor adds to Gradoville's other accomplishments while at UNO.

This past season, the volleyball player set a UNO record for digs with 637, while leading the Mavs to a 26-18 record.

Following the season, she was named to the Division II second-team All-America squad. She also was selected twice to the North Central Conference and All-Regional first teams.

Gradoville said the CWS honor ranks high among her achievements.

"It's definitely one of the best," Gradoville said. "Making All-American was probably the best, but this ranks right up there. I'm very excited about the award."

UNO volleyball coach Karen Uhler also said she was pleased with Gradoville's award.

"Any honor where the athletes can gain visibility for our program is greatly appreciated," Uhler said. "It doesn't surprise me that she is a candidate and a recipient. It's nice for her, and it's nice for us."

Uhler added that Gradoville's involvement with the UNO volleyball team may have been a factor with her crowning.



-ERIC FRANCES

UNO senior volleyball player Amy Gradoville has been selected College World Series Queen. A second-team All-America last season, Gradoville set a UNO record for digs with 637 while leading the Lady Mavs to a 26-18 record.

"I can't take the credit, but I'd like to think that her experience with the volleyball team helped her with the award," Uhler said.

Although the season is over, Gradoville said volleyball is still a priority. Despite being slowed by recurring knee problems, she said she has been pleased with practice so far.

"I twisted my knee a couple of days ago," said Gradoville, who had surgery on her knee in her freshman season. "But overall, practice has gone really well."

In addition to two days of conditioning, the team has been practicing three days each week.

Gradoville said she already has set a goal for next season.

"I finally want to win a national championship. I've been here three years now," Gradoville said. "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride."

For now, however, Gradoville is a queen.

Orr, Morgan kick off Women's Walk charge

BY JAMES G. KUBCZAK

Although the Celebrate UNO Women's Walk fell short of its \$100,000 goal, UNO's Athletics' representatives said the fund raiser was still a victory for women's athletics.

"I think it was a success in terms of the number of people that participated," said Mary Coniglio, UNO assistant sports information director.

"Last year, we peaked with 976 walkers raising \$92,000," Coniglio said. "But the event has become a little saturated in its fifth year."

Of the 1,300 women who signed up for this year's walk benefiting women's athlet-

ics, 775 participated, Coniglio said.

Prior to Saturday's walk, \$60,852 was raised. Coniglio said she expects that figure to climb to \$80,972 after all pledges are received.

Despite the down figures, several walkers said they were pleased to participate.

"It's a great event," Mayor P.J. Morgan said at the walk. "It's perfect weather for this, and there's great participation for a good cause. It's really nice."

"I love it, I love to be a part of this," said Sherry Kennedy, a disc jockey for radio station KEFM (Lite 96). "I've done this for two years in a row now. They keep asking me back, so I'll keep coming back."

A come-back is just what Coniglio said she plans to make.

"Almost every year we've gotten more walkers, but the dollar amount has gotten less," she said. "We'll go back at it with full force next year."

In addition to the sunny skies and 70 degree temperatures, the walkers received a little extra support from 15 male cheerleaders.

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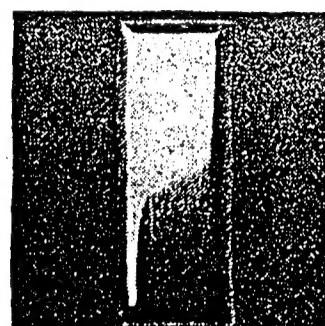
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